



Access Yes!

LANDOWNER PARTICIPATION

The Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDFG), and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) in cooperation with the Idaho Fish and Game Advisory Committee have developed a new sportsmen's access and landowner incentive program called **Access Yes!**

Access Yes! is a voluntary landowner incentive program where landowners receive compensation for providing sportsmen access to or through their land. Landowners specify conditions of access that best meet their needs. In addition, the program will help: 1) provide access to wildlife that may cause depredation problems, 2) improve relationship between landowners and sportsmen, and 3) improve hunter ethics.

Landowners participating in the **Access Yes!** program, are **covered by the state recreational liability statute** (36-1604), which provides a liability shield to landowners that allow recreation on their property. The liability shield applies to landowners that provide recreational opportunities without charge or have entered into a cooperative lease agreement with the state.

The first step for participating in the program is enrollment of the property to be considered for access. An enrollment form (see below, page 4) should be sent to the nearest regional IDFG office. Enrollment only has to be completed once unless there is a change to: 1) property ownership, 2) the name of the enrollee authorized to receive **Access Yes!** compensation, 3) description or size of property in the program, or 4) habitat conditions. The person enrolling the property must provide the required supporting documentation:

- A copy of the deed.
- The most recent tax assessment (describing property and listing landowner name[s]).
- If the person enrolling the property is not the landowner, they must have notarized written authorization from the landowner.
- To participate this year, enrollment forms must be received by February 28, 2006.

The second step to participate in the program is submission of a bid proposal (see application below, beginning on page 5) to the nearest regional IDFG office.

- Bid proposals for 2006 will be accepted until February 28, 2006.
- All bids are to be submitted on the **Access Yes!** Landowner Bid Application form.
- Applicants may attach photographs and other supportive documents to help evaluate their proposal.
- Most agreements will be annual, but multi-year contracts will be considered.

The proposal should describe the property including location, land use, hunting and/or fishing resources available, landowner's terms of access to be allowed, and the type and amount of compensation. Bid proposals may not be modified after they have been submitted.

After an initial assessment by an IDFG employee familiar with your property, the bid proposals will be provided to a Sportsmen's Review Committee for review. These regional Committees will recommend which bids the Department should accept.

Competition between bid proposals is expected to be tight because of limited funding.

Cooperative lease agreements will be prepared after bids are selected. The regional landowner/sportsmen coordinator will notify successful landowners to review terms and sign the agreements by March 31, 2006. Compensation to the landowner can be in the form of: 1) direct monetary payments, 2) habitat improvement projects, 3) access development projects, or 4) other forms. For direct monetary payments, 1/2 of the payment will be issued by May 1, 2006 with the remaining 1/2 issued by December 31.

IDENTIFICATION OF ACCESS YES! PROPERTIES

A Sportsman's Guide to Access Yes! will be developed annually providing the location and recreational opportunities available. Properties will be identified with unique signs, provided by the Department, listing the landowner's conditions of access.

SPORTSMEN REVIEW COMMITTEES

Each regional Sportsmen Review Committee will be comprised of five members with diverse sporting interests including big game, waterfowl, and upland bird hunters, anglers, and trappers. They will be nominated by the Regional Supervisor and serve at the pleasure of the Director. The Committee will meet to review and evaluate the bids and recommend to the Department which bids should be selected. Committee members cannot be enrolled in the **Access Yes!** program. Review Committees will base their recommendations on the following criteria:

- Amount of Access
- Diversity of Opportunity (species, hunting, fishing, etc.) Provided
- Cost
- Availability of Wildlife
- Access to Public Land
- Regional Recreational Needs
- Species Management Objectives
- Past Experience with Cooperator
- Past Habitat Improvement Projects on the Property
- Other Considerations

Access Yes! Contact Offices

PANHANDLE REGION(208)769-1414
2750 Kathleen Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

CLEARWATER REGION.....(208)799-5010
3316 16th Ave, Lewiston, ID 83501

SOUTHWEST REGION & McCall(208)634-8137
555 Deinhard Ln., McCall, ID 83638

MAGIC VALLEY REGION(208)324-4350
319 South 417 East, Jerome, ID 83338

SOUTHEAST REGION(208)232-4703
1345 Barton Rd., Pocatello, ID 83204

UPPER SNAKE REGION(208)525-7290
4279 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls, ID 83401

SALMON REGION.....(208)756-2271
99 Hwy 93 N, P.O. Box 1336, Salmon, ID 83467

Enrollment Form



*Private Landowners are
important to the future of Idaho's
wildlife and hunting heritage.*

For Office Use Only

Enrollment Number:

AY _____

LAP Number (if applicable)

Name: _____

Last

First

MI

Corporation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Acreage: _____

Big Game Management Unit(s): _____

Please include the following for enrollment:

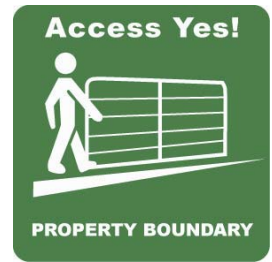
1. A copy of the deed.
2. The most recent tax assessment (describing property and listing landowner names).
3. If you are not the legal landowner, a notarized and signed letter by the owner authorizing you to participate in the **Access Yes** program must accompany this enrollment form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fraudulent representation of information in the enrollment process shall void participation and eligibility to receive **Access Yes** funds.



Landowner Bid Application



Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Access Yes! enrollment number (if known): _____

Property Description:

General Area: _____

Big Game Management Unit(s): _____

Acreage: _____

Description: (rangeland/forestland; irrigated cropland; dry cropland; wetland; CRP, other) _____

****Please attach map that supports the bid application***

My bid is the same as last year's (please check the box) ☐

(If your bid is the same as last year's and you've checked the above box, just sign and date the last page of this application and submit. No other information is required.)

Access will be allowed from _____, _____ through _____, _____
(date) (year) (date) (year)

Do you currently allow public access without charge (please check one)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

TYPES OF ACCESS TO BE ALLOWED: (Check all those that apply)

- ☐ Sportsmen numbers are unlimited.
- ☐ Access through private land to public land.
Approximately _____ acres of public lands managed by _____ will be available for public hunting/fishing opportunities.
- ☐ Sportsmen numbers are limited:
Only _____ sportsmen allowed per day or per week (circle one)
- ☐ Vehicle use only on existing roads
- ☐ Vehicle use only for retrieving game
- ☐ No Vehicle use: walk in or horse access only
- ☐ No Overnight Camping
- ☐ No Open Fires
- ☐ Landowner permission required
- ☐ Other (describe): _____

HUNTING/TRAPPING

Please check which type of hunting and/or trapping opportunities you are offering:

- ☐ Big Game
- ☐ Upland Game
- ☐ Small Game
- ☐ Waterfowl
- ☐ Trapping
- ☐ Other (list) _____

FISHING

Please describe the type of fishing opportunity you are offering:

Name of lake, stream, river, or reservoir _____

Approximate length of shoreline offered for fishing access: _____ (yards, miles)

Please describe any special fishing restrictions: _____

Other Access Conditions:

COMPENSATION

This access for hunting and/or fishing is offered for (please select one):

- 1) A Flat Fee \$ _____
- 2) Habitat Improvement Project, Include HIP Agreement # _____
Valued at \$ _____
- 3) Access Development Valued at \$ _____
Describe: _____

- 4) Other Compensation Valued at \$ _____
Describe: _____

If my bid is accepted:

- 1) I agree to allow the property to be identified as participating in the **Access Yes!** program. This will include signing and inclusion in the Sportsman's Guide for **Access Yes!**
- 2) I understand that any payment for big game hunting access may result in a reduction in depredation claim payments.

I certify that the information provided in this **Access Yes!** application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please attach narrative if more space is needed to explain the bid proposal.